

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 1/23/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-19 and 23-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT

1. The applicant's amendment filed on 01/23/2007 has been fully considered and made of record.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Applicant has amended claims with newly added claims 20-23 in the amendment filed on 1/23/2007. However, numeral reference numbers 20-22 were already designated for non-elected method claims that were restricted in an office action mailed on 8/21/2006. The Applicant is to renumber the newly added claims and cancel the non-elected claims, accordingly.

Therefore, the application has been amended as follows to maintain consistent claim language:

Claims 20-22 are cancelled.

Newly added claim 20 should read claim 23.

Newly added claim 21 should read claim 24 and dependent on claim 23.

Newly added claim 22, should read claim 25.

Newly added claim 23 should read claim 26 and dependent on claim 25.

Reasons for Allowance

3. Regarding claim 10, the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest the particular features of previously allowable subject matter of claim 13 incorporated into original claim 10 in particular the limitation of " a measuring tool coupled to at least a portion of the hub, the tool configured to provide at least one measurement from a point in a plane proximate the hub to a point on the jet engine assembly" as argued by the Applicants in Remarks, page 1, filed on 1/23/2007.

4. Regarding newly added (and renumbered correctly) claim 23, the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest the particular features of previously allowable subject matter of claim 11 incorporated into original claim 10 in particular the limitation of " a tool comprising a hub including a plurality of bores extending between the hub first and second sides, each bore configured to receive a fastener to couple the hub to the jet engine assembly" as argued by the Applicants in Remarks, page 2, filed on 1/23/2007.

5. Regarding newly added (and renumbered correctly) claim 25, the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest the particular features of previously allowable subject matter of claim 16 incorporated into original claim 15 (from which original claim 16 depended) and into original claim 10 in particular the limitation of " a tool comprising a plate configured to the seal housing and increase the area with which the arm can contact" as argued by the Applicants in Remarks, page 2, filed on 1/23/2007.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sarang Afzali whose telephone number is 571-272-8412. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-3:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on 571-272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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